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King's Theatre Bldg., D'Agallier St. Tel. 27892.T. V. SOONG RESIGNS
Chiang Made Temporary Premier
Executive Yuan Reshuffle

Nanking, Mar. 1.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was appointed President of the Executive Yuan, succeeding Dr. T. V. Soong, whose resignation was announced this morning. Generalissimo Chiang was named to the concurrent post by an emergency joint session of the National Supreme Defence Council and the Standing Committee of the Kuomintang's Central Executive Committee held at 4 p.m.

Dr. Wong Wen-hao will remain Vice-President of the Executive Yuan, and the other members of the Cabinet who this morning were rumored to be resigning will carry on.

A high Government source told the United Press that Chiang's appointment was a temporary measure, designed to carry on the premiership pending reorganization of the entire executive branch of the Government in line with the announced Government policy to broaden the basis of the administration by taking in non-Kuomintang party members some time in mid-March.

Observers still believe that Gen. Chiang, Governor of Szechuan Province, will eventually be named President of the Executive Yuan when the Government reorganization occurs.

Chiang is reputed to be leader of the "Political Science Group," which is close to the Democratic Socialist Party. It is expected that if Chiang becomes Premier, his Finance Minister will be Chen Kiang-an, Finance Commissioner of Manchuria, who is a brother of Carson Chang, leader of the Democratic Socialists.

Meanwhile the Government schedule for reorganization of the legislative, supervisory and consultative branches of the Government was postponed until tomorrow.

TSUYEE PEI
RESIGNS

Nanking, Mar. 1.
The National Government in a mandate issued today announced the acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Tsuyee Pei as Governor of the Central Bank of China and the appointment of Mr. Chiang Ching-kuang as his successor.—Central News.

til tomorrow due to a last-minute hitch. The Democratic Socialists took back their list of representatives for readjustment.

When this list is submitted, Government will announce the broadening of the Legislative Yuan, the Central Yuan and People's Political Council, and at the same time the creation of the Constitution Enforcement Committee.

According to present plans reorganizations of these branches will be followed by an Executive Yuan reshuffle.

After His Scalp

Soong's resignation was a victory for scores of bitter political opponents and Chinese business men who have been openly after his scalp for many months.

Riots In
Formosa

Nanking, Mar. 1.

Reports reaching Nanking say the Formosan capital Taipei is under martial law following serious rioting and street fighting, in which a number of people were shot.

The report connected the disorder with the growing dissatisfaction at economic and political conditions.

A Central News dispatch dated Taipei yesterday said the rioting followed a clash between the special police enforcing the tobacco monopoly and a crowd of several hundred people.

It said at least four policemen were shot.—Associated Press.

Richmond, Va., Mar. 1.
Lester A. Virginia-born former Member of Parliament has advised the Governor of Virginia, William M. Tucker, that he plans to visit the United States within the next few months.—Associated Press.

H.K. Gas
Supply
Cut-Off

The supply of gas in Kowloon is now cut off during non-essential hours, that is, between 9 a.m. and noon, and in the afternoon until 6 p.m.

The "Sunday Herald" learned yesterday that the supply on the island, other than for Central District, will also be cut off during the same periods in the coming week, probably from tomorrow.

These cut-off hours will remain in effect temporarily until a supply of coal is made available to the Hong Kong & China Gas Company, Ltd.

Sterling,
CN Dollar
Pegged

Shanghai, Mar. 1.

The first post-war official exchange rate between Chinese National currency and the British Pound—Sterling—was fixed by the Central Bank of China yesterday.

The Bank's quotations were: CN\$18,000 selling and CN\$40,000 buying.

The rate for HK\$ was CN\$3,000 selling and CN\$2,500 buying.

The Bank of China, Bank of Communications, Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and Chartered Bank have been designated to deal in British currency transactions.

Reuter adds that merchants may secure cover through appointed banks at the rate inside the Central Bank official rates, but the difference between buying and selling rates must not exceed two per cent.

Shanghai
Rush To
Buy Shares

Shanghai, Mar. 1.

In the absence of open markets for dealings in gold and foreign currency, a rush to buy shares followed the announcement from Nanking that Soong had resigned.

Businessmen said if the gold and currency markets still existed a panic would have undoubtedly succeeded Premier Soong's exit, but as it was, the black market remained dormant and the people were still busy exchanging United States currency for Chinese dollars at officially appointed banks.

Although the suddenness of Soong's resignation caused surprise, the development was not totally unexpected, as it was generally recognized his position was becoming untenable.—Associated Press.

Popular Songs Strike
Sombre Note

New York, March 1.

U.S. sociologists and economists are worried about a depression because Americans are singing sad, sentimental songs again.

"They say America's songs are 'You'll be dropped dead before it got started.'"

In the mad, prosperous 1920's popular tunes were "Barney Google with the Go-Go-Golly Eyes," "Who Played Poker With Pocahontas," "I'm Just About Animal Crackers," and "Diga, Diga, Do."

During the depression of the 1930's American people liked "Stardust" and "I'm in the Mood for Love."

Belgian
Craftsmen
To Strike

Brussels, Feb. 28.

The newspaper, La Dernière Heure, reported that the recently-formed National Union of Professional Association of Tradesmen and Craftsmen decided at a meeting on Thursday afternoon to organize a 24-hour national general strike on Monday, March 10.

The paper said the strike was to protest against heavy taxes and reduction of margins of profit, presumably the recent Government-ordered price reductions.

The paper also said the strike would close food, textile and shoe shops and even barbers, tailors, plumbers and snappers for one day.—United Press.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for March 2 and 3: A complex system of depressions covers most of China and Manchuria.

Today's forecast: Moderate E winds, becoming variable for a time, with clouds, with patches of drizzle or fog chiefly during the morning.

Yesterday's weather: Maximum: 67.4 deg. F. Minimum: 42.4 deg. F. Rainfall: .45 in.

March 1: Total rain Jan. 1-7: 7.1 in. as against an average of 12.7 in. for the same period in previous years.

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March 3: Maximum: 67.4 deg. F. Minimum: 42.4 deg. F. Rainfall: .45 in.

Death For Armed
Robberies

A bill (entitled the Suppression of Robbery Ordinance) is to be laid before Legislative Council providing for the death sentence in certain circumstances on persons taking part in armed robbery or assault with intent to rob where a death takes place.

The purpose of the Bill is to enact provisions which will contribute to a reduction in the incidence of robbery and particularly robbery which is accompanied by the use of offensive weapons.

Though the high incidence of robbery during the past year has fallen, no doubt as a result of the increase in terms of imprisonment and amount of corporal punishment inflicted on persons convicted of robbery and assault with intent to rob, such offences, particularly where arms are carried are still too prevalent.

In cases where shooting takes place in connection with such offences and the death of a person results, it is often difficult to obtain the necessary evidence to ensure a successful prosecution for murder against any of the robbers. Such difficulty is enhanced by the existence of the rule of law, which requires the proof of a common intention to use violence of those participating in the robbery or assault with intent to rob.

Clause 2 of the Bill therefore provides for removal of the requirement of proving common intention to use violence in case where a person is unable to show that he was unaware that an offensive weapon was carried at a robbery, assault with intent to rob or an attempt to commit such offences. The application of this provision by Clause 2 is extended also to cases of violence used by one of the party in escaping after the commission of such offences.

As no other count can be added to an indictment for

J.B. Powell's
Sudden
Death

Washington, Mar. 1.

John B. Powell, 60, former managing editor of the China Weekly Review, died suddenly, a few moments after delivering a speech to the University of Missouri Alumni.

In his talk, Powell, who had last part of both feet in a Japanese prison camp, predicted that Asia will assume increasing importance in world affairs. Earlier he had joked with friends, that he was a "fugitive from Walter Reed hospital" where he had been learning to walk on artificial feet, after both feet were amputated as a result of gangrene, suffered in a Japanese prison camp where he was held for several months after his capture in Shanghai in 1941.

Powell died of a heart seizure. He had just returned to a seat beside his wife Martha and his longtime friend Morris J. Harris of the Associated Press Washington staff, when he collapsed. He died without regaining consciousness.

In his talk he had said "If the United States has trouble with Russia it will be fought in Europe. That is because Siberia is just across the Straits from Alaska—the closest approach from Russia to the United States."

Powell was a native of Hannibal, Missouri. He is survived by a widow and a son, John William Powell, who is carrying on his father's work as editor of the China Weekly Review in Shanghai, and a daughter, Mrs. Stuart Hensley of Washington.—Associated Press.

SHIP ON FIRE

Tientsin, Mar. 1.

The 3,800-ton ss. "Ching-shan" caught fire here yesterday afternoon as it was about to leave for Shanghai.

The cargo of cotton yarn, textiles and tobacco leaves was completely destroyed by the fire. The passengers were reported safe.—Central News.

He Took
A Long
Drink

New York, March 1.

Telling his wife, "I'm going out for a few minutes for a drink," Arthur Pacifico, of Patterson, New Jersey, left his home on a cold January night in 1940.

Six years and nine months later he returned home and apologized for being out so long.

"I got very drunk," he said, "and wandered on to an Italian ship which took me to Naples. I was arrested there, charged with espionage and imprisoned. Later I was sent to Germany where I spent years in Helsen and Buchenwald concentration camps. I shall never take drink again."

U.S. authorities confirmed Pacifico's story.

Weather Got
Her Down

London, Mar. 1.

Mrs. Magdalen, Ditchford, 68, widow, stuck her head in the gas oven of her London home because, her daughter-in-law told a Coroner today, "she became depressed when the cold weather kept her from visiting friends."—United Press.

Blizzards,
Sunshine
At Home

London, Mar. 1.

March weather roared into Northern England today with renewed blizzards but London and Southern England basked in lamb-like sunshine which brought the thermometer bubbling up to 35 degrees at noon.

Air Ministry experts killed hopes of an early spring, however, with gloomy predictions of "severe" sub-freezing weather and fog at night. They conceded that the next few days would be sunny and the blizzards may soon disappear.

Bridlington Yorkshire, experienced an overnight blizzard bringing nearly a foot of snow by morning and no end of the storm in sight.

The blizzard buried a freight train on Bridlington line and all bus services to Hull and Scarborough were suspended. Strong winds piled up snow drifts to four feet on the Bridlington-Driffield Road.

Londoners welcomed the clear blue sky and sun which rocketed temperatures upward from last night's six degrees below zero Fahrenheit.

The coldest place on the island was Prestwick, Scotland, with ten degrees above zero Fahrenheit.

A naval plane today dropped supplies to 130 patients and staff of the Noranaleide Sanatorium, cut off since Tuesday.

Notified by a BBC broadcast last night to watch for a plane, the hospital staff turned out to meet the plane, which dropped

27 HURT
IN BOMB
EXPLOSION

Twenty-seven persons were injured in an explosion at Ko Shing Theatre in Queen's Road West at 8.10 last night, shortly after the curtain went up for the first night of the Chinese version of "Leave Her to Heaven."

The theatre was packed to capacity. The explosion occurred between a pillar and the ninth row of seats from the stage on the ground floor.

Of the 27 injured, five are in a serious condition. In all, eight persons have been detained for treatment at the Queen Mary Hospital.

Police Officers from Central and No. 7 Police Station were quickly on the scene and took away a number of suspects for questioning.

A visit to the scene of the explosion revealed that the seats in the vicinity of the explosion had been badly dimmed, while the ledge at the back of the eighth row, which is used for depositing tea pots and melon seeds, was completely shattered for a considerable portion of its length.

The floor was littered with shoes, stockings and handkerchiefs. A substantial quantity of sawdust had been sprinkled over the floor to soak up the blood.

Meanwhile, the show was continuing, but the patrons, who had not been allowed to leave the theatre, did not seem to be very much interested in what was going on.

Outside, in Queen's Road West, hundreds of curious sight-seers, as well as anxious parents, relatives and friends gathered. Several women were observed weeping and begging to be allowed to enter the theatre to look for their children.

Shortly after the explosion at the Ko Shing Theatre another explosion occurred in Room No. 308 at the Nam Ping Hotel, 141 Des Voeux Road Central. There were no casualties.

400 lb. of bread and 125 lb. of meat near the sanatorium.—United Press.

HOW IRRITATION VARIES
FROM DIFFERENT CIGARETTES

Tests made on rabbits' eyes reveal the influence of hygroscopic agents

CIGARETTE	TYPE OF CIGARETTE	Irritation
1 Edmo 0.8	Edmo 0.8	Edmo 0.8
2 Edmo 2.1	Edmo 2.1	Edmo 2.1
3 Edmo 2.7	Edmo 2.7	Edmo 2.7
4 Edmo 2.6	Edmo 2.6	Edmo 2.6
5 Edmo 2.7	Edmo 2.7	Edmo 2.7
6 Edmo 2.7	Edmo 2.7	Edmo 2.7

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Britons Charged With Aiding The Japs

Frank Henry Johnston, 41, journalist, born in Shanghai, and John Kenneth Gracie, unemployed, born at Ardersier, Invernesshire, both British subjects, were charged before Mr. E. H. Sainsbury at Central Magistracy yesterday with doing acts with intent to assist an enemy or likely to assist an enemy contrary to Regulation 27, Defence Regulations, by serving as radio announcers with duties of broadcasting anti-Allied propaganda.

Both defendants were remanded in gaol custody for seven days.

Johnston said that the prosecution had had ten months and done nothing. He also said that his personal papers and documents, as well as belongings, had been taken away and that the Red Cross had supplied him with clothing. Johnston also applied for bail.

Inspector Lowe, prosecuting, said that this was the first time that he had heard about Johnston's papers and belongings being taken away and he would enquire into the matter.

Mr. Sainsbury told Johnston that if he would lay his requirements before the Superintendent, Special Branch, the latter would be glad to give any assistance possible.

Gracie said that he wanted help in obtaining copies of certain letters, one held by the British Ambassador and one by the British authorities in Shanghai. He was informed by Mr. Sainsbury that if he would make known his wishes to the Superintendent, Special Branch, this officer would give him such assistance as was possible.

The Hongkong University Alumni Association held its Annual Social Function in the form of a supper dance at the Association premises, Queen's Building, last night.

A large gathering of members and friends attended including Mr. D. J. Shaw, Mr. A. Morse, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Rowell, Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Col. L. T. Rile and others.

The guests were welcomed by the President Mr. Yau Fung Hon; and members of the Committee: Drs. H. L. Lee, F. I. Tseung, Messrs. E. C. Ho, Y. C. Kwan, George Hong Choy, Cheung Ship Tong.

The band of H.M.S. Adamant rendered a delightful programme of music.

Money Market

Gold fluctuated within narrower limits yesterday as after opening at \$288 a tael, it alternated between this figure and \$279 and eventually closed at \$280.75.

Pinstripes opened at \$97.0 a 100 and closed at \$98.50. Highest rates reached during the day, was \$10.00.

Chinese National Currency was quoted nominal at 34½ cents for futures and 43½ cents spot (for CNY\$1,000).

U.S. dollars, Sterling and Australian pounds were unchanged at \$4.80, \$14.80 and \$12.53 respectively, all buyers.

FATAL FALL

A 18-year-old radio operator on the 11 V "Hindutan," Patrick John William Fry, a native of Barnstaple, Devon, met with an untimely death in the early hours of yesterday morning when he slipped off the window of the third floor of 8 Hillwood Road, Kowloon.

The time of the accident was fixed at 12.40 a.m.—his wrist-watch showed that hour when the body was picked up.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

On Mr. Robert Frank's departure, where he has been attempting to the Air Commodore-in-Chief's Conference (Air Officers Commanding, Air Commodore, The Earl, Air Commodore B. N. Webster, CBE, AFC, was met yesterday afternoon at Kai Tak airport by the Air Commodore, Group Captain R. A. Jones. Air Commodore Webster made the return journey in a Dakota aircraft of the 110 Squadron.

Yesterday was Flower Day in connection with the campaign for raising funds for the establishment of Chung Ching Memorial School in the Colony to commemorate the both birthday of Chiang Kai-shek. Restaurants also participated by contributing the charge for last to the fund.

ACCUSED CLAIMS MENTAL BLACKOUT DUE TO DRINK

SAILORS THROWN INTO SEA

Jerusalem, Feb. 28. Some of the British sailors who boarded the Jewish illegal immigrant ship Herta, off Haifa today were thrown into the sea by the immigrants. They were picked up by destroyers.

Before the boarding incident the immigration ship took evasive action, says an official statement, and then ran aground. Later the boarding party gained control and nearly 300 men, women and children were transferred to a British vessel which sailed for Cyprus.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS

Old Boys and former members of Queen's College Prospectus are invited to forward it to the Principal, Queen's College, 26 Kennedy Road, Hong Kong.

(1) Copies of previous issues of Queen's College Prospectus of "Yellow Dragon," or Reports of Concerts and Speech Days.

(2) Lists of Scholarship and prize winners with years and values of awards.

(3) Any other historical records or information likely to be of value in replacing all the past records which have been lost.

The Principal will also be pleased to meet any Old Boy who may have verbal information of value if he will arrange an appointment.

GOVERNOR TO VISIT HOSPITAL

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Mark Young, is to pay a visit to the Hong Kong Sanatorium and Hospital, in Happy Valley, tomorrow afternoon, and will inspect the newly-completed wing of the building.

The Hospital is being thrown open to the public and the medical and nursing profession for inspection between noon and 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

FALSE NAME ON CHOCOLATES

Pleading guilty to possession of a quantity of chocolates to which a false trade description had been applied, Cheung Fan of 1, New Market Street, had his stock confiscated and was ordered to pay \$250 in costs at Central Court yesterday.

The chocolates bore the Cadbury trade mark and Mr. Hugh Jones, for Messrs. John D. Hutchinson, the agents, asked that a serious view be taken.

Sweetened condensed milk has been detected from a bottle of prohibited exports. Cotton threads of all descriptions have been added to the schedule.

Readers' Letters

Macao Payments

Sir—"Fairplay" needs some correction in his letter to the paper of the 25th. It was wrongly posted on the Notice Board in H.K.M. Consulate, Macao, that whatever money was obtained from the Relief office the same was definitely in the nature of a loan to be repaid at a later date. I am sure every beneficiary will live up to it if the necessary money is freely available for such repayment.

The matter about "milk" is out of place, and I think it is sheer "babbling" on the part of "Fairplay." Wherever milk absolutely necessary for certain babies and adults, the recommendation had to come from the Relief Office's Medical Board, which sat weekly. So what?

"Fairplay" continued that during the past year the majority of the Hongkong Eurasians, Portuguese and Indians, including a sprinkling of Chinese, received a monthly cash allowance. "Will 'Fairplay' tell me if he was in Macao as well? Apparently not, as he was, I must refer him to a dictionary to find out the meaning of 'sprinkling.'" More than 70,000 people were and ever will be grateful for the financial assistance received from the British Consul. The Chinese community alone should comprise at least 60 per cent of the total number of beneficiaries, and this is what "Fairplay" calls "sprinkling!" The Portuguese, who received certain allowances (dependent on individual merits) as relief from that Government, were subsidized by the Government, whereas members of other communities were entirely dependent upon the Consulate for their actual maintenance. A few Portuguese also came under the latter category.

The following "comment" on the Chinese should be approached by "Fairplay" for correct balance: Mr. A. Superintendent, O. V. Relief Office; Mr. W. Avoet, Assistant; Mr. J. F. Silva & Mr. M. A. Silva, Accountants; and Messrs. P. Rodriguez and R. O'Neil, Assistants.

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The trial of two European seamen of the "Arundel Castle" on a charge of manslaughter of Inspector A.S. Anderson, of Mongkok Police Station, on Christmas Day, reached its closing stage yesterday when one of the accused, Stanley, declared in the witness box that he knew nothing of what happened as he was very drunk.

Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, Paines Judge before whom the trial is being heard, over ruled Defence Counsel's submission that second accused, Franks, had no case to answer.

Robert Stanley, 26, greaser, and Frederick Franks, 19, fireman, are jointly charged with unlawfully killing Inspector Anderson on Dec. 25, last.

Mr. A. J. Clifford, Crown Counsel, assisted by C.D.I. Charles Mottram, is conducting the prosecution, Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. G. S. High-Jones, is representing both accused.

When the Court resumed yesterday morning, Mr. Bernacchi continued his unfinished submission from Friday that there was no case for Franks to answer.

Quoting various legal authorities and recalling the evidence of various Crown witnesses, Mr. Bernacchi contended that the Crown had even failed to arouse grave suspicion of Franks and urged His Lordship to acquit Franks at this stage.

In reply to the defense submission, Mr. Clifford submitted that the Crown had adduced evidence to show that Franks was present in the shop and did, in fact, take part in the assault.

His Lordship ruled there was a case for Franks to answer. Putting his case to the jury before calling Stanley to give evidence, Mr. Bernacchi told the jury that part of the defense would be that Stanley was temporarily insane at the time of the alleged incident.

Mr. Bernacchi said that he would call upon Franks to give evidence as Franks would stand by his statement to the police.

Testifying in his own behalf, Robert Stanley said between 6 and 7 p.m. on Dec. 25, Franks and he left their ship and went to Gingle's Bar where they met Campbell and two soldiers.

While drinking, he continued, Johnson joined them. Later, they all were invited by the soldiers to the camp where they started drinking again.

First He Knew
Franks said he did not know anything later on. The first thing he knew was that he was in the cell at the police station when someone shook him.

He was surprised and shouted the names of his mates and asked the police officer why he was in the cell.

Witness said he remembered the four seamen finished half a bottle of cherry, half a bottle of brandy, two bottles of whisky and some beer. The Brand of whisky they drank that night produced very bad effects. He had taken some the previous night and had to be put to bed.

To Mr. Clifford, witness said the four seamen were equally drunk; but Franks appeared better after supper. Stanley, he added, wanted to fight the best man in the canteen and in his opinion he was fighting drunk.

The case was adjourned to tomorrow morning.

The China General Omnibus Company, a British firm in Shanghai, has been voluntarily wound up.

China's Liberals
Sir—With the development of civil war between the Kuomintang and Communists, many liberals, especially Anglo-American University graduates, are coming to Hongkong to escape the persecution of the Fascists and Bolsheviks alike. Mr. John W. Powell of China Weekly Review, Shanghai, said in an article published after his tour in this Colony that Hongkong is now a refuge for such people.

Many of such persons are in a very difficult position when their education and outlook on life is actually aiding a government to persecute them.

Although General Marshall in his farewell message advised China to trust such liberals, the result has been worse. The job of "Himmler's" former pupils has not been a little better.

It is hoped that Dr. Leighton J. Stuart will do something to improve the situation. If the traitor who sold Christ out could still get thirty pieces of silver, as his reward, he who helps the enemy to persecute his friend and comrade should at least refrain from so doing until acts of sincerity, not words or deeds of contrary nature, are proved.

T. K. TENG.

Warning
Sir—I understand that recently some unauthorized people have been going round collecting donations for the "Deaf and dumb." Our Hong Kong School for the Deaf has not yet started on its Campaign for raising funds. When we do launch our Campaign it will be under the name of the Hong Kong School for the Deaf. I would be glad if you would bring these facts to the attention of your readers.

MISS L. LUK WA
EDUCATIONAL

A Chinese Police Constable was arrested by one of two Chinese who challenged him in the vicinity of the Botanical Gardens shortly after 8 o'clock last night. The constable was not injured and the two defendants submitted to be taken to the police station.

Reds Under House Arrest

Shanghai, Mar. 1.

Armed blue-uniformed and long-haired men kept guard outside 170 Rue Massenet, a drab three-story building where Tung-Pi-wu of the Communist hierarchy and lesser Reds are being kept under house arrest, pending arrangements to fly them to Yenan.

An Associated Press correspondent and photographer was courteously but positively refused admittance by the plainclothes men, one of whom said: "Sorry, no one can see them."

The detention of Tung and his men was an episode in the troubled relations between Yenan and Nanking, which observers had long foreseen as the conclusion of efforts to bring peace to the harassed country.

I.K. Sanctuary

The Communists evidently feared they would be arrested, for most of their dependents had gone back to Yenan, while a few, including Kung Peng, whose husband is a noted writer, have already found sanctuary in Hong Kong.

Kung Peng, who used to be a popular among correspondents, was at one time admirably nicknamed "The Madonna of the Third International."

No. 170, situated in a tree-lined street in the French concession, is Shanghai's headquarters of the Communist party. Chou En-lai used to live there during visits to Shanghai.—Associated Press.

Communists Told To Go

Shanghai, March 1.

General Hsuan Tieh-wei, Commander of the Wusung-Shanghai Garrison Headquarters, in a letter to the Communist Chief representative in Shanghai yesterday, requested all Communist representatives here together with their families to leave Shanghai before March 5.

The letter added that the Communists have not only rejected the Government's peace offers, but also have been creating internal trouble through agitation thereby threatening the social security of Shanghai.

The letter also requested that all names of Communist representatives in the Shanghai area be submitted to the Garrison before March 5.—Central News.

CHINA'S REQUEST

Washington, March 1.

CNRR representative Cheng Pao-nan said the UNRRA central committee is considering China's request at their next meeting on Monday when a decision can be expected.

Cheng said he believed about \$19,000,000 was available but awaits the UNRRA report on Monday. He added that he expects the committee to approve the request in the light of the Far East Council's approval in Shanghai.—Associated Press.

The Canton branch of the Central Bank of China has announced that as from yesterday, the maximum amount of Hongkong dollars that will be changed per person is \$300.

Indecent Assault Charge

A remand of seven days was granted by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday when Wong Fat-yu alias Wong Chi-leung, 26, husband of 30 Ah-lu Street, second floor, appeared before His Worship on three charges connected with a girl under 16 years of age.

Wong was alleged to have received, harboured, detained or had under his custody an unmarried girl named Ng Lai-shan alias Ng Lai-fong, aged 15 years and two months, at an unnumbered house in Nan Cheung Street, Shamshuipo, without the consent of her lawful guardian, Ng Kwai-chun.

He was further alleged to have had carnal knowledge of the girl, and to have indecently assaulted her.

Inspector Fraser of the Secretariat of Chinese Affairs was the officer in charge of the case.

Claim For Mahjong Set

The Man Hing Firm, of No. 31 Queen's Road West, filed a legal claim for the return of a mahjong set, or its value at \$350, and hire fees amounting to \$38.40 from the Chung Kwok Company, No. 12, Queen's Road West.

The claim was heard at the Supreme Court yesterday when Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, Paines Judge, awarded judgment in favour of plaintiffs. Defendants were ordered to return the set, or its value at \$350, plus \$20 hire fees and costs.

On Dec. 31, last, a worker of No. 12, Queen's Road West, hired the set from "Mahjong" firm, and had not returned it.

The manager-partner of defendants' company denied liability, saying that he never hired the set. Plaintiff claimed that the worker who hired the set was a clerk of defendants' company.

"Rope"

Tomorrow evening is the opening of the Chinese production of "The Rope" which will run for a week at the Star Theatre.

The story of two young men, Wanchun Brandon and Charles Gracie, both wealthy undergraduates who number an athletic friend of theirs and put his body in a chair.

They then proceed to invite the victim's family round for a supper, which they hold in their flat, using the chest in which the body is lying, for a table. They are eventually discovered by Inspector Cadell, an acquaintance of theirs—another who has been injured in the war.

But like that it does not perhaps seem very much, for nothing is held back and nothing is concealed from the audience whatsoever.

Yet this is an unusual and frightening play which demands a very high standard of acting from the cast.

Wanchun Brandon who fills merely for the perverted thrill that it gives him must be a convincing character, for that, is his only motive, and if he fails to make it a success, the play will fall, utterly and completely.

Charles Gracie, however, is a very different person. Of Spanish extraction, he is very nervous and excited. Never, for a moment, throughout the play does he forget that the body in the chest is there because he hit it, and it is largely due to his unusual and hysterical behaviour that Inspector Cadell discovers the crime.

This is the play, then, that the Star Club is bringing to the Star Theatre tomorrow evening.

Whether they will entirely succeed in their new production, remains to be seen, but it promises to be an interesting and unusual performance, and one well worth seeing, both for admirers of Patrick Hamilton and of the Hong Kong Stage Club.

A concert of recorded music will be presented at Talbot House (Tee H), 50, Midconell Road, at 8.30 p.m. today. The programme will include: "Symphonic Poem 'Don Juan'" by Richard Strauss; Symphony No. 1 by Beethoven; Shepherd's Dance and Pastoral Dance by Edward Germain; and songs by Tishby Ballie, Richard Tauber and Roy Henderson.

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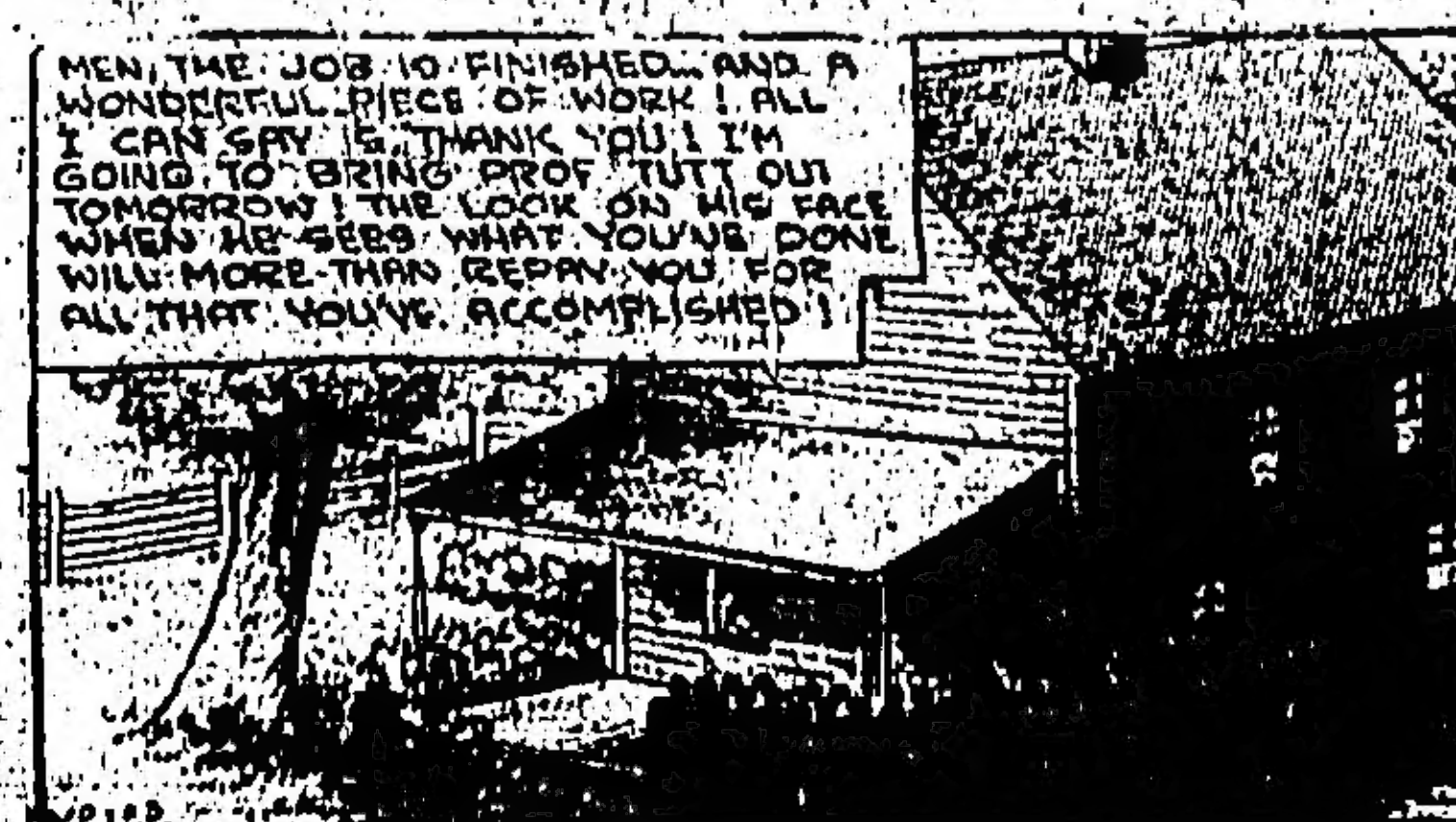
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Baggage Snatchers Blamed For High Charges

Clamping Down On Illegal W/Ts

Heavier penalties for operators of illegal transmitting sets are provided in an amended Telecommunication Ordinance to come before Legislative Council. In explanation of the new Bill it is stated that from experience gained in the prosecution of offences it has been found that the maximum fine of \$1,000 which can now be imposed has been paid without demerit and it is suspected that these transmitters are being employed for illegal or other improper purposes. It is accordingly considered that a special penalty in relation to offences under Section 30 of the said Ordinance should be provided. Clause 2 of the Bill is designed to effect this purpose. Such Clause is designed to repeal and replace Section 30 of the Ordinance so as to render an offender liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of \$3,000 or imprisonment for any term not exceeding twelve months, or on conviction on indictment, to a fine of \$10,000 or imprisonment for any term not exceeding three years. Clause 3 of the Bill deletes and replaces the marginal note to section 31 of the said Ordinance, as it is considered to be misleading. Amendment to sub-section 2 of Section 31 is also provided for by this clause to provide that power of forfeiture is given to the "Court" (which means the Supreme Court) by reason of Section 39 "D" (7) of the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911, as well as to a Magistrate. Such amendment is consequential on Section 30(6) of the Ordinance to be enacted by Clause 2, since upon enactment of the proposed Section 30(6) it will become possible for offences against such Section to be tried before the Supreme Court on indictment and not only by a Magistrate as hitherto.

APPOINTMENTS

The Gazette announces the appointment of the following members of the Hong Kong Volunteers' Dependents Advisory Committee: Lt. Col. H. Owen-Hughes (Chairman), Mrs. Yegh Wai-huan, Mrs. Iris Prew and Miss Yvonne Ho. Other appointments etc. gazetted yesterday: Mr. W. R. K. Collings resumed duty as Surveyor of Ships. Mr. H. A. de Barros Botelho to act as Registrar of the Supreme Court and Registrar of Companies. Mr. W. La Barre Sparrow and Mr. L. H. C. Callaghan to be Deputy Commissioners of Police. Mr. L. R. Whant to be an Assistant Superintendent of Police. Mr. F. B. T. Middleton in charge of the Consulate for Guatemala. The King's Exequatur empowering Mr. G. D. Hopper to act as Consul-General of the United States has received His Majesty's signature. Mr. K. P. Noble has been appointed Canadian Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong. Mr. Andrew Chan has been awarded the British Empire Medal.

The Gazette contains a further list of China companies registered in Hong Kong.

An Order was published yesterday requiring all persons carrying on import, export or transport of vegetables to register with the Superintendent of Agriculture.

Members are again reminded that the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association will take place in the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Wednesday, Mar. 5 at 6 p.m.

When interviewed by the "Sunday Herald" regarding allegations that passengers disembarking from steamers berthing at the Kowloon Wharf were being victimised by the recognized wharf coolies and in some cases had their baggage stolen, Mr. C. E. Terry, of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf Co., Ltd., said that his Company, in conjunction with the respective steamship companies, was doing its utmost to protect passengers. Mr. Terry said that unauthorised individuals ("baggage snatchers"), who managed to gain access to wharves surreptitiously by means of sampans, were responsible for the demanding of exorbitant charges and the "spiriting away" of baggage belonging to passengers.

It was emphasised by Mr. Terry that no opportunity is afforded any member of the staff to demand "squeeze" or exorbitant charges from any passenger, as all baggage is unloaded and removed to the Baggage Room under strict supervision. Baggage of passengers which is discharged from ships is checked both by the ship's officers and the wharf staff before being sent to the Baggage Room. The charges for the removal of baggage from ship to Baggage Room is clearly indicated on a board in the Baggage Room and passengers are warned not to make any payment beyond that specified. These charges are as follows: Suit cases, 50 cents each; trunks, crates and cases, \$1 each and extra large cases, \$2 each.

Outside Touts

Mr. Terry pointed out that if passengers would only observe the rules laid down, they would not be victimised or lose any of their baggage. As it is many passengers are in the habit of dropping items of baggage from the ship to the wharf of their own accord with a view to making their own arrangements for removal. The result is they fall into the hands of the baggage snatchers.

Any complaint by a passenger as to his baggage is immediately investigated, according to Mr. Terry. For example, on Monday last, four passengers made a complaint regarding their baggage. An investigation was promptly carried out by Mr. Moodie, a senior member of the staff, and it was discovered that the complaint of the passengers had nothing to do with the Wharf Company, but concerned outside baggage touts.

Mr. Terry also took the opportunity of pointing out that his Company was not, strictly speaking, responsible for the baggage of passengers, but as they wished to exercise proper control on their own premises, they had accepted that responsibility.

Mr. Terry said that it was a well known fact that a number of baggage touts operated outside the Baggage Room also and that they were demanding exorbitant charges from passengers and making promises which they had no power to implement.

Wharf Permits

When questioned regarding the refusal of his Company to issue permits to friends or relatives of incoming passengers to enter the wharf, Mr. Terry said that the granting of permits to large numbers of people would only serve to add to the congestion at wharves and thus afford vagabonds and the like a better chance of carrying out their nefarious activities.

Mr. Terry pointed out that at the present moment, large numbers of Chinese repatriates, with a not inconsiderable amount of baggage, were arriving from overseas by steamers tying up at the Kowloon Wharf. On a recent occasion, no less than 1,200 Chinese repatriates disembarked from one ship alone.

The situation which would have resulted if a permit had been granted to an equal number of friends and relatives to

enter the wharf can easily be imagined. As the grant of permits to such persons would serve to promote ill-feeling and lead to charges of discrimination, the Company have found it advisable to refrain from issuing any passes at all.

Ambassador's Off-The-Record Speech

Dr. Leighton Stuart, United States Ambassador to China, in Hong Kong on a tour of South China, gave a brief, off-the-record speech before eighty members of the American Club yesterday. The Ambassador was to be guest of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pierson at 11 p.m. today with a dinner at the Hong Kong Hotel in his honour, scheduled by members of the Chinese community for tonight. Chairman of the latter affair is Dr. T. W. Kwok. Dr. Stuart and party will leave here tomorrow morning for a visit to Hainan Island.

Higher Education In The Colonies

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has in accordance with a recommendation of the Commission on Higher Education in the Colonies appointed a Committee to be known as the Colonial University Grant Advisory Committee to advise him on matters relating to expenditure of United Kingdom Funds for the development of Higher Education in the Colonies.

It is expected that in advising on these matters the Committee will take into account the funds available for Colonial Higher Education from other sources. On the Academic aspect of the proposals which are referred to it, the Committee will be guided by the opinion of the Inter-University Council for Higher Education in the Colonies.

The Committee's first main task will be to advise on the apportionment of £4,500,000 which has been earmarked for higher education out of £120 million provided under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act.

The creation of an Inter-University Council for Higher Education in the Colonies was announced in March of last year and the Secretary of the Inter-University Council, Mr. Walter Adams, has also been appointed to the Secretaryship of the Colonial University Grants Committee. The following have been appointed members of the Committee: Sir Hector Hetherington (Chairman), Vice-Chancellor of the University of Glasgow, Miss Myra Curtis, Principal Newnham College, Cambridge, Lord Hailley, Sir James Irvine, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Saint Andrews, Sir Walter Moberly, Chairman of University Grants Committee, Dr. Keith Murray, Rector of Lincoln College, Oxford, Professor D. Hughes Parry, Vice-Chancellor of the University of London, Dr. R. E. Priestley, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Birmingham, Mr. D. J.

Sloss, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong, Mr. C. W. M. Cox, Education Advisor to the Secretary of State, Mr. J. B. William, Finance Department, Colonial Office.

Fishermen Fined \$50

Three fishermen from Cheung Chau were fined \$50 each when they pleaded guilty before Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday to unlawful possession of explosives, detonators, fuses, and gunpowder on board their boats in Victoria Harbour.

Cheung Dor, 25, master of fishing boat 4322, was found in possession of 15 packages of H.P. 77 detonators, 14 feet of fuse and 13 gunpowder primers on Feb. 21. On board fishing boat, 1974V, owned by Lo Ngan-foon, 27, was found on Feb. 27 three packages of H.P. nine fuses complete with detonators, nine gunpowder primers, and a cut fuse with two detonators. Lo Kwat-lee, 37, had on board his fishing boat 3814V, on Feb. 27, 15 detonators. Inspector Owens prosecuted.

Commitment proceedings on the charge of possession of a detonator at Tsimshatsui on Feb. 1, and the additional charges brought yesterday by DI Downman of keeping an explosive substance, and conspiring to utter a letter demanding with menace the sum of \$2,000 from the Sun Hotel, Nathan Road, Kowloon, on Feb. 1, against Leung Yam-hong, 23, unemployed, will be commenced before Mr. Latimer on Mar. 4 at 2.30 p.m.

Repatriation Of Overseas Chinese

Several more overseas Chinese repatriation movements to the South Seas are now taking place under joint UNRRA-CNRRA auspices.

On Feb. 28 the s.s. "Hong Seng" left for Singapore with 820 refugees including 507 for Singapore, 313 for the Malayan Union and 28 for Sarawak.

The s.s. "Hiram" is shortly picking up a group of about 370 in Swatow destined for Siam, and will sail from Hong Kong to Swatow on or about March 4, after picking up here a group of 130 from Canton first.

Repatriation to Indo-China is at present restricted to the Saigon-Cholon and Cambodia areas owing to the disturbed conditions prevailing in the North. Two small groups will leave for Saigon from Amoy and Swatow in the next day or so.

It is expected that the next large scale movement will take place from Foochow towards the end of this month when it is hoped to repatriate some 640 to British North Borneo and Sarawak, and about 500 to Singapore and the Malayan Union.

Businessman Gaoled, Had A Revolver

Yu Ching Yung, charged with being in possession of a loaded revolver in Johnston Road on Feb. 24, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment by Mr. H. C. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. J. M. J. Almeida Remedios, who appeared for accused, pleaded guilty on his behalf and asked for leniency. Mr. Remedios said that accused, who was formerly in business as a timber merchant and went insolvent in November last, was asked to carry the revolver for another person for \$150. Defendant had a mother, father, wife and three children and was, through poverty, lured into carrying the gun in order to earn the money.

Inspector Ewins, prosecuting, confirmed that defendant was formerly a respectable businessman. Addressing accused, Mr. Sheldon said that the offence was a serious one but that he was taking into consideration the remarks made by Inspector Ewins and Mr. Remedios.

EDUCATION DEPT. NOTICE QUEEN'S COLLEGE

It would be appreciated if any Old Boy or former member of the Staff of Queen's College having in his possession any of the following material would forward it to the Principal, Queen's College, 26 Kennedy Road, Hong Kong:

- (1) Copies of previous issues of Queen's College Prospectus, the "Yellow Dragon", or Reports of Concerts and Speech Days.
- (2) Lists of Scholarship and prize winners with years and values of awards.
- (3) Any other historical records or information likely to be of value in replacing all the past records which have been lost.

The Principal will also be pleased to meet any Old Boy who may have verbal information of value if he will arrange an appointment. (Telephone 24610).

L. G. MORGAN, Principal.
Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1947.

NOTICE Civil Defence Service, 1941 Claims

It is announced for general information that all claims against Government arising out of service in the A.R.P. and other Civil Defence Services, are now being dealt with by the Accountant-General, Prince's Building, and NOT by the Colonial Secretary.

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G. WHITE, Public Relations Officer.
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A solemn High Mass will be sung at the Catholic Cathedral, Caine Road, on Sunday, 2nd March, at 10.00 a.m., and a Procession will be held at the Cathedral Compound at 4.00 p.m. on the same day, followed by a Sermon in English, and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Members of the Confraternity and all Catholics are cordially invited to attend and participate in the above devotions.

G. A. VAS, Hon. Secretary, Confraternity of Our Lord of Passos.

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As from March 1st 1947, Mr. George T. Lloyd will act and sign as General Secretary of the above mentioned Organisation.

By Order, J. WATSON, General Secretary, Hong Kong, 28th Feb., 1947.

POLICE NOTICE

Kowloon residents living east of the Railway line, i.e., Ho Mun Tin Hill, Pease Avenue, Kadoola Avenue, Braga Circuit and Kowloon Tong are notified that these areas will be policed by Kowloon City Police Station, (Junction of Boundary Street and Prince Edward Road, Telephone 58169) and that they should refer all calls to this Police Station, with effect from March 1, 1947.

(Sd) D. W. MACINTOSH, Commissioner of Police, Hong Kong, 26th Feb., 1947.

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Britain Knew Secret In 1939

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London, March 1.

Britain learned of the German programme for developing flying bombs in the second month of the war, it was disclosed last night by Prof. R. V. Jones, former Director of Research Intelligence at the Air Ministry.

Information of "incredible value" about the enemy's secret weapons was unexpectedly received from an outside source in October, 1939, he stated in a Royal United Service Institution lecture.

"Our naval attaché in Oslo, somewhere in October, 1939, received an anonymous letter saying that if we would like to know about various German technical developments, all we need do was to alter the wording of the preamble to our German news broadcast on a particular evening."

"We altered the preamble, the information arrived—and it was the most amazing statement I have ever seen. It included information that the Germans had under development two kinds of bomb, one of which was already in use. It also told us of important experimental stations, that rocket and glider bombs were being developed, and other things, too."

Bomber "Trailed Coat"

"It was so comprehensive that many people thought it was a plant, because no one could possibly have that amount of information, particularly in Germany."

"The first time it went on, and one item after another in the Oslo report came out, one obviously had to trust it, and in the few dull moments of the war it became my custom to look up the report to see what should be coming next."

"In December, 1942, it was obvious that the Germans were bringing into their aircraft radar equipment to down our bombers, and it was necessary for one of our bombers to 'trail his coat' in front of a German night fighter."

"On Dec. 2 an aircraft went out and did just that, succeeding almost too well, because it was attacked no less than 11 times by night fighters and every member of the crew was wounded."

"The observer, Pilot Officer H. Jordan, was hit in the head by a cannon shell but stuck at the job to such effect that, as each German pilot came up, he was able to instruct his pilot which way to turn."

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"They finally got away very slowly and pushed out the most

wounded member of the crew over Canterbury with the most vital information, because they knew they had not a hope of landing. They then came down in the sea near Marston (Kent) and fortunately were all picked up."

"Out of that we had a practically complete picture of the German night defences as they stood."

(Born in London 38 years ago, Pilot Officer Harold Graham Jordan, DSO, was a teacher at the Lanfranc senior boys' school, Croydon, before joining the RAF in 1941. He was awarded his DSO in 1943, one of three airmen decorated for "great gallantry, fortitude and devotion to duty in exceptionally hazardous circumstances." No details of their exploit were given. The other two were officers in the Royal Canadian Air Force.)

BRITAIN WILL SEE IT THROUGH

(Continued from Page 4.)

But that wasn't the whole picture. There were inequalities. The rich on their baronial estates were very rich. The poor in their humble cottages sometimes were very poor. Still on the whole life was gracious to the people in the British Isles.

I believe the spirit of those days will be restored in England (though the road to recovery will be difficult and dangerous).

Britain will see the crisis through. It is likely it will be a better England because the inequalities which have blighted the way of life have been disappearing these many years.

Still I don't believe England is heading toward her old affluence. Her days of vast personal fortunes are gone.

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The pilot, Lieutenant Colonel Robert E. Thacker, with his fuel tanks so low that he had been threatened with a forced landing in Pennsylvania, had battled on against a 65 m.p.h. headwind to reach New York.

It was the longest non-stop distance ever flown by a fighter plane.—Reuter.

Sholto's Tick-Off

Berlin, Feb. 28.

Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Sholto Douglas, British Commander-in-Chief in Germany, emphatically denied tonight that Britain and the United States were organising political fusion of their occupation zone in Germany when he answered recent allegations made by Marshal Vassily Sokolovsky, Russian Commander-in-Chief in Germany.

"No agreement whatever exists for the political fusion of the British and American zones, nor have any plans to this end been discussed," Sir Sholto said.

Replying to the Russian's criticism of the economic fusion of the two zones, Sir Sholto said: "Details of this agreement are well known. It remains open for accession by the Soviet zone. Such accession by Russia would ensure a precisely equitable distribution of production and resources which Marshal Sokolovsky demands."—Reuter.

Lawsuit Over Birth

New York, March 1.
A young American couple is suing a doctor for \$15,000 because, they claim, he performed a sterilisation operation which was not effective.

The couple are Milton Klein, 28, and his wife Doris, 25. In their petition against Dr. George Webb, they state that they agreed Milton should have an operation after the birth of his two children, during which the mother suffered severely.

Dr. Webb performed the operation on October 7, 1943.

The couple resumed marital relations, and a son was born to them on December 1, 1945.

The Kleins in their petition claim that Dr. Webb promised that the operation would make fatherhood impossible for Milton Klein.

Dr. Webb denies negligence, or that he guaranteed Milton Klein against fatherhood.

The New York Supreme Court will hear the case next Tuesday.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, Feb. 28.
The runaway market erupted in grain pits and prices soared under aggressive short-covering and now buying demand. March wheat jumped 10 cents, the limit permitted in a single session, to a new 27-year high for any wheat delivery.

Corn and oats followed wheat. Buying was touched off by Mr. Hoover's report on food needs in Germany. Wheat closed at 8½ cents to 10 cents higher.—Associated Press.

Married Women Hard To Discipline

London, March 1.

An English municipal councillor today objected to the employment of married women on the grounds that they could not be disciplined, and were difficult to manage.

The councillor, Mr. J. J. Bridge, of Southend, said that married women were difficult to manage because they were not entirely dependent on their employment.

When reprimanded, they replied: "My husband will have something to say about this."

He gave these other reasons why married women should not be employed:

Their homes and children were always at the back of their minds, and they could not concentrate on their jobs.

They frequently required three months' maternity leave.

Southend Council rejected Mr. Bridge's proposal to discontinue the employment of married women.

The back-benchers' amendment to reduce the amount by £1,000,000 was defeated by 130 votes to 67. The "rebels" complained of mismanagement of public funds and manpower in the British zone.

The supplementary estimate was carried.—United Press.

Back-Bencher Defeat

London, Feb. 28.

Back bench Labourites forced a division in the House of Commons today during the debate on Government's supplementary estimate of £39,000,000 for industrial reconstruction in Germany.

The back-benchers' amendment to reduce the amount by £1,000,000 was defeated by 130 votes to 67. The "rebels" complained of mismanagement of public funds and manpower in the British zone.

The supplementary estimate was carried.—United Press.

R.N. VISIT TO ANNAPOLIS

Washington, Mar. 1.
Royal Navy cadets will meet America's future admirals this month in their first visit to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

One hundred and eighty cadets will arrive at Annapolis aboard the light cruiser Frohlicher on March 5. The Frohlicher will also visit Trinidad, St. Lucia, Montserrat Bay and Kingston in the West Indies on its two and a half month voyage.—Associated Press.

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THE MAIN CHARACTERS IN THE STORY

When Charles II had dismissed Hyde, Earl of Clarendon, from the Chancellorship, there was fear and unrest throughout the Palace. Men distrusted each other and those who had seemed friends now secretly spoke but never in the corridors as though neither friend nor foe existed. No one felt safe. Which one would go down next?

It was in this atmosphere that Amber had begun to take part in the intrigues of the day. And being new established as a Lady of the Bedchamber and as first favourite of the King, she was sought by the various factions. Only two men, however, were powerful enough really to matter: Buckingham and Arlington; each manoeuvring against the other and both seeking to enlist Amber to further their schemes that revolved with the Throne as their centre.

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Amber took thought and decided to have her own spy system. For such was common at the Court of Whitehall, both among courtiers and the ladies. Lampoons—most of those that mattered—written by the witty Earl of Rochester—circulated freely and Amber had the doubtful distinction of being the subject of many of them. She shared it with the now discarded favourite, Lady Castlemaine, and with Frances Stewart whom Charles, after trying vainly to make her another of his mistresses, had married to the Duke of Richmond.

It was through her spy system that Amber learned a plot that the Duke of Buckingham had hatched with Father Scroope. It was no less than the kidnapping of the Queen, Catherine of Braganza. For my Lord Buckingham knew that despite her outwardly meek nature, Catherine

was hostile to him and that she stood in the way of his most ambitious plans—none other than to reach the throne himself. Amber stood in her apartment listening to Father Scroope. To Amber, the throne meant nothing but the fact that he was sat on it was her lover and provided of all the worldly goods she enjoyed. For fifteen hundred pounds Father Scroope had sold her Buckingham's plot. And Amber went to the Queen and told her all. She did so because in Catherine she knew she had a good friend, one whom she might use on her own behalf at some time.

Amber had learned that in the Palace opportunities never came to those who sat and waited. It was necessary to be ceaselessly active. But now Buckingham came to pay his first secret call upon her. "It seems his Grace had wanted to keep you for himself," he said, "and I had hoped you and I might be friends also."

"Surely a woman may be allowed two friends, my lord," replied Amber. "Ever at Whitehall," Arlington smiled. "You seem to be a woman of wit, madame." Then "It runs through the galleries your young son will inherit a dukedom."

Amber suddenly sat forward in her chair, her eyes glittering and eager. "Did the King tell you..." "No, madame, not the King. But it's current gossip." "Gossip won't get me a duchy." "It is what you want then," said Arlington. "Want, my God. There's nothing I want more than to do anything to get it." "If that's true, madame, and you wished to do something for me... I think I may say without vanity I have some small influence here at Whitehall." "If you can help me to a duchy I swear I'll do anything you ask."

He told her what he wanted. It was to spy on Buckingham's meeting which, rumour said, he had with a group of old Commonwealth men who had as their object the overthrow of Charles II's government and seizure of power into their own hands.

Amber had already bought four acres of land in St. James's Square, the most fashionable, exclusive and exclusive district. She had for months discussed plans for a house and gardens with Captain Wynne who was designing the finest new homes in England. And now she told him to begin construction. It would cost two years and cost about sixty thousand pounds. But the weeks went by and she was still a countess till one day in a fit of vindictiveness against his former favourite, Castlemaine, Charles passed a patent creating Gerald—Amber's husband—the Earl of Darlington—Duke of Ravenspur with the honour to devolve on their son.

Amber now began to set the fashions for everything at Whitehall. One day she pinned up the hair of her Cavalier's hat at an angle. Next day half the ladies in his Majesty's hawking party had done the same. She appeared at a ball with her hair undone and hanging down her back covered with a thick sprinkling of gold-dust and for a week that was the rage. Everyone copied her beauty patches—little cupid's drawing a bow, the initials CR (Charles Rex) intertwined.

It tickled her vanity to be imitated. Scandal piled up high around her name. Her enemies were said to be lewd. Amber, by no means resenting this vicious and spiteful talk, paid money to start new rumours. Her life though comparatively chaste became in reputation a model of licence and iniquity. But the people of the streets like her and cheered her when she drove out. There seemed to be only one thing left for her to want and finally that wish was granted too. Early in December, Almsbury

suddenly. Disapproval? Pity? But that was ridiculous. She looked stunning and she knew it. "Holy Christ, Amber," he murmured, his eyes going swiftly down over her body. "Don't you like it?" Her eyes hardened a little. "Yes, of course. You look gorgeous..." "But what you court?" interrupted a feminine voice. Another voice, a man's this time, came from her other side. "Odds nash, madame, but this is the greatest display I have ever seen in public since I was weaned. It was the King, I say, smiling, and obviously amused."

Amber felt suddenly as if she had been hurt inside. What have I done, she thought. My God, what am I doing out here in undress? Every face she saw was covertly sneering at her. She wished passionately she were back home. How am I going to get out of here? She had all but forgotten Lord Carlton and his wife. And then she unexpectedly that she almost started. "My Lord Carlton. My Lady Carlton." She grabbed Almsbury by the hand and her eyes turned toward the door. Bruce looked very much as he had when he had left London two years before. He was thirty-eight years old, still handsome, hard-skinned and vigorous bodied. Amber only glanced at him, then shifted her attention to the woman who walked beside him. She was rather tall, slender and graceful, with clear blue eyes, dark hair, and a skin pale as moonlight. Her features were delicate, her expression serene. To look at her brought up some elusive emotion, the feeling evoked by an exquisitely painted porcelain. The gown she wore was cloth-of-silver covered with black lace and a black lace mantilla lay upon her head; about her neck was the diamond and sapphire necklace which had belonged to Bruce's mother and which Amber had always hoped might one day be her own.

The King, ignoring ceremony, went forward with Lord and Lady Arlington to greet them, and as he did so all the room seemed to buzz. And at all times, a remark which Amber, sick in the stomach now heard round her—were of admiration for Lady Carlton, newcomer to the Court of Whitehall.

She would have fled. She told Almsbury: "I've got to get out of here. I can't stay." But as he had said to her once before: "You won't leave if I have to tie you up. If you had the courage to wear that thing in the first place, by God you'll have the courage to stay till the end." Then she saw Lady Carlton smiling at Almsbury but give a little gasp of surprise as she caught sight of his partner.

She took a deep breath, linked her arm with Almsbury's and they walked toward the group made up of the King, Buckingham, Lady Shrewsbury, Buckhurst, Sedley, and Rochester who were talking to Bruce and his wife. Almsbury presented Lady Carlton to the Duchess of Ravenspur and both women made faint curtsies. But Amber was conscious of one but Bruce who bowed as if they were the merest acquaintances.

Later, in her coach to which Almsbury had taken her, she walked: "He didn't even smile at me. He just looked at me like I was a dead dog." Why should he be the only man in London to care what his wife thinks. He hates me. I know he does. And I hate him too."

Next day she saw Lord and Lady Carlton riding in the Ring. Amber waited. He had forgotten her. He could not forget her. And then, five days after the ball at Arlington House he and Almsbury came to her rooms one evening. Susanna, their second born, was apparently the object of his visit for at first he played with her when she was got out of her bed. Then with much protesting from Susanna who cried that she wanted to stay "with her new daddy" and with Almsbury looking at his watch and going off, Amber and Bruce were left alone.

Bruce turned about swiftly. "I'm going with you, John." "Bruce," Amber gave a little cry of anguish and ran toward him. "You can't go now. Stay just a little—and talk to me..." While he stood looking down at her Almsbury went out of the door and shut it softly. Bruce glanced back over his shoulder as he heard the sound, hesitated a moment longer. And then he tossed his hat on a chair.

THE BOOK EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT

He began to visit her regularly. And in her rooms, they renewed the love-making that had begun that day at Marygreen when she had coaxed him away from the fair.

"My Darling, I love you so" she told him. "I can't stand to know you're married to another woman. I hate her. I despise her, I..." "Amber, don't talk that way." He tried to make a joke of it. "After all, you've been married four times and I've never hated any of your husbands." "Why should you? I didn't love any of them." "Nor the King either?" he queried. She dropped her eyes momentarily abashed. Then she faced him again. "Not the way I do you. Anyway, he's the King. But you know as well as I do Bruce that if you'd let me I'd leave him and the Court and everything I have on earth to follow you anywhere."

"What?" he asked mockingly. "You leave all this?" As she spoke she realised all of a sudden that he did not consider her position, the luxury and pomp in which she lived, to be of any real worth at all. It was the sharpest disillusionment she had had. For she had expected to brag about it, to impress him with her title, her power, her money, her gorgeous rooms. Instead, he had made her feel that all she had got from life—these things for which she had been willing to make any compromise—were unimportant. Worse, were trash.

"Yes," she said softly. "Of course I'd leave it." Next week, Lady Carlton discovers her husband's clandestine meetings with Amber. It culminates in a heated scene. Amber plots again with Buckingham and Arlington against each other. And becomes the victim.

Macao Ban On Rice Exports

Macao, Feb. 28. With a view to securing a normal supply of rice from Chungshan to alleviate distress in Macao, a party including Captain Alvaro Marques de Andrade Salgado, Commissioner of Police, and Mr. Luciano Botelho da Costa Martins, Chairman of the Food Control Committee, is leaving for Canton today to negotiate with the Kwangtung authorities.

Export of rice from Macao has been banned as from today. No more permits will be issued and the validity of those already granted will automatically expire ten days from date of issue.

Specific regulations govern Taipa and Coloman, to which exports can only be made after petitions have been approved by the Administrator of the islands adjacent to Macao.

The local paper "A Voz de Macau," commenting on the measure, says: "The steps taken in defence of the economy of the population, which is all of us and not only half a dozen greedy magnates who want to become rich at the expense of the unfortunate almost without a shirt on, are praiseworthy. That is why, however strict they are, we commend these steps tending to curb exploitation of the masses."—Our Own Correspondent.

Macao's New Tobacco Tax

Macao, Feb. 28. A new scale of tobacco taxation has been introduced, as follows: Cigarettes valued under \$800 per 50,000 are charged \$120. From \$800 to \$1,000 do. \$180. Above \$1,000 to \$1,250 do. \$250. Above \$1,250 to \$1,750 do. \$350. Above \$1,750 do. \$500.

The taxes also apply to loose tobacco and cigars, for which the weight of 52 kilos has been set as an equivalent to 50,000 cigarettes. Locally manufactured cigarettes are only charged 30% of the present rates but most factories have not been working owing to the impossibility of competition with imported cigarettes.—Our Own Correspondent.

New Macao Notes

Macao, Feb. 28. New Macao paper currency issued by the Banco Nacional Ultramarino, and printed in Hong Kong arrived here by the "Kwongshai" last night under the escort of eight members of the Hong Kong Police.


Contained in forty sealed cases, only one instalment came yesterday out of an issue of \$5,000,000 authorised by Lisbon to replace worn-out denominations of five, ten, twenty and fifty cents.—Our Own Correspondent.



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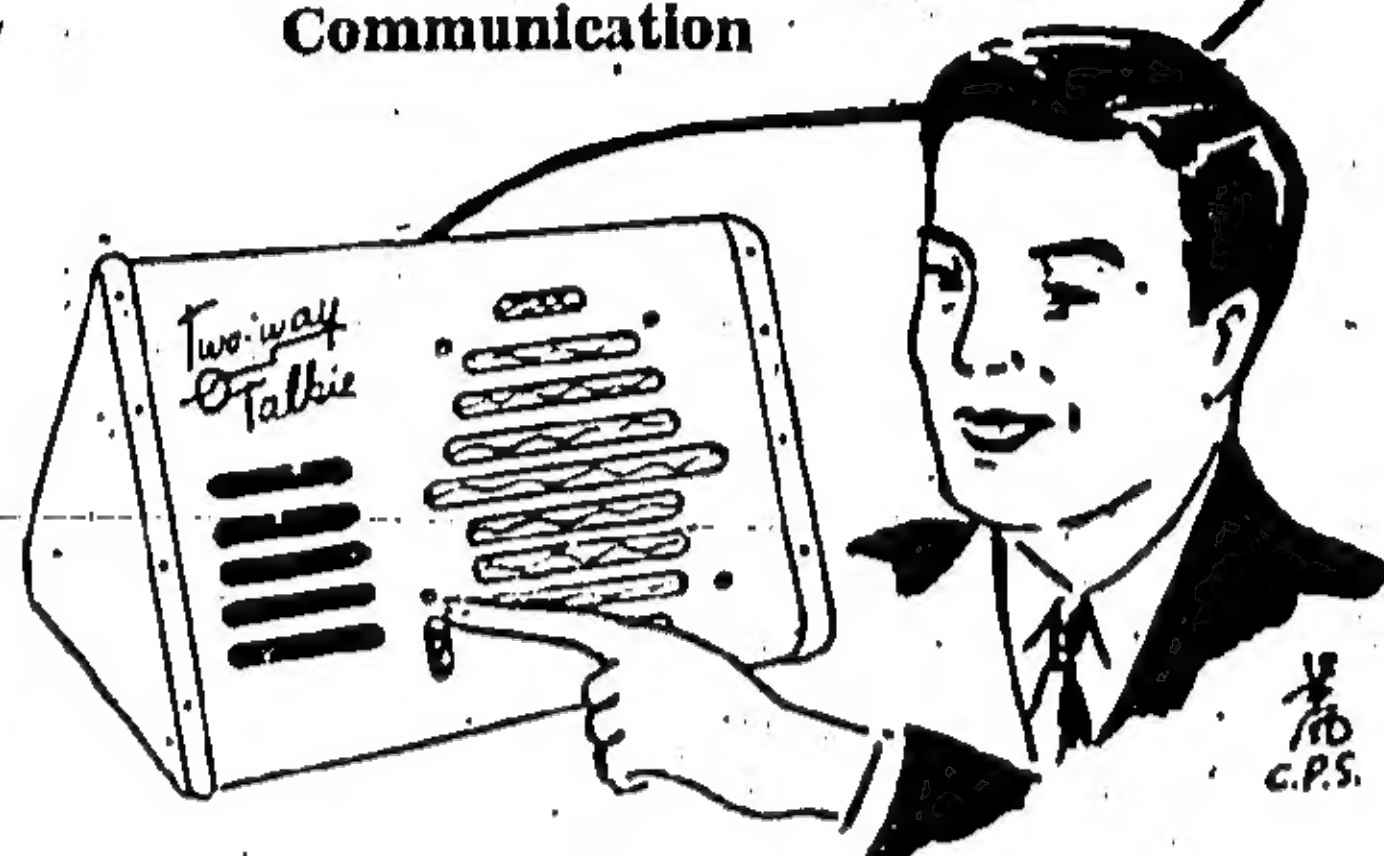
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HEALTH MINISTRY'S WARNING ON DRUG

Mountbatten To Keep Uniform

London, Feb. 28.

The Viceroy-Designate, Admiral Viscount Mountbatten, will retain his present uniform—that of Rear-Admiral in the Royal Navy—when he becomes Viceroy next month, his senior civil adviser, Sir Eric Mielville, stated today.

His reasons for this are twofold. Reuter understands. Firstly, the shortness of his term of office and, secondly, the shortage of materials to make official Viceregal robes.

This decision is typical of Lord Mountbatten, who has a hearty dislike of pomp and ceremony.

A special allocation of clothing coupons for the Viceroy-Designate and Viceroy were sent from the Board of Trade to the India Office today by special messenger.

Viscount Mountbatten has been allocated 400 coupons and the Viscountess 200. The ordinary Briton receives 64 coupons a year.

Preparations for new clothing are in the hands of Viscountess Mountbatten, who looks after this task, while Viscount Mountbatten studies State documents and consults high officials at the India Office.

Like the present Viceroy, Viscount Mountbatten prefers his military uniform to the ornate trappings associated with the Vicereignty. Like Viscount Wavell, too, he will dispense with the elaborate reception on Bombay's Apollo Bund—a ceremony always linked with the arrival of a new Viceroy and the departure of an old.

Reuter.

U.S. Army Pulls Out

Paris, Feb. 28.

The American Army officially pulled out of liberated Western Europe today, three years after the beginning of the biggest operation in its history.

Soldiers and War Department civilians jammed the Paris Post Exchange on the Grande Armée Avenue for their last rations before they closed its doors tonight. GIs and their girls drank their last sodas in the only American-style fountain in France, the "Sugar Bowl."

The old Mayflower and Columbia clubs, the only remaining Red Cross leave billets, which were swarmed with shouting soldiers during the war, were deserted.

In the suburb of Gennevilliers, French and American generals saluted as the Stars and Stripes was lowered and

the Tricolour raised over the last American Army installation in France, Belgium and the United Kingdom.—United Press.

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Parents of children on the danger lists at London hospitals are being asked whether they'll allow doctors to use the new drug, streptomycin. They are being told, "It may save life, but it could fail. It could even accelerate death."

Consenting parents must agree to a post-mortem if the treatment fails.

Streptomycin, cousin to penicillin, is used in certain types of tubercular infection and tubercular meningitis, but little is yet known about the drug here.

For weeks, private doctors and hospitals throughout England, have been making radio appeals almost daily for supplies of streptomycin for use in desperate cases.

The Health Ministry has warned doctors making independent radio appeals that streptomycin is potentially dangerous, is unproved, and that even when it prolongs life, it sometimes causes blindness, permanent giddiness, and deafness.

Research Plan

The Medical Research Council will conduct full-scale clinical research into the drug's effects in cases of tubercular infection and tubercular meningitis.

The council has imported £80,000 worth of streptomycin from America, has reserved beds at two London hospitals, and in the next six months will treat 50 consenting patients at a cost of between £2000 and £3000 each.

At the end of that period the council will issue a preliminary report.

British medical experts say that American experiments with the drug have been inconclusive.

The Government won't decide on sponsored, large-scale production of streptomycin here until the Medical Research Council makes its report.

Didn't Take A Trick

London, March 1.

Night-watchman Harold Bean, of Brighton, survived after this happened to him:

A cinder fell on his head, and he was accustomed to pour paraffin.

Blaze fired the hut.

Bean, who is one-legged, took off his overcoat to beat out the flames.

His false teeth fell out.

He dropped his coat to grope for his teeth.

(He broke them when he trod on them.)

He found his teeth, took up his coat, beat out the flames.

Then he found his crutches had been burned.

Footnote: Hopping up the road, he said: "I've only been slightly burned."

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Kesséling Defence

Venice, Feb. 28.

The campaign of Field Marshal Albert Kesséling, former German commander in Italy, against Italian partisans during the war was based on "urgent military necessity," Dr. Hans Laternser, defence counsel, declared at today's hearing in the Venice court trying the former commander on war crimes charges.

"He tried to avoid chaotic conditions in Italy for the benefit not only of his own troops, but also the Italian population," counsel declared.

"The defence completely refute the prosecution contention that the action of the accused originated from hatred." Field Marshal Kesséling did not condemn the whole Italian people because they had been a heavy liability as an ally. He understood that the majority of the nation were honest, decent people.

Dr. Laternser added: "Having laid it down that his troops would carry out justice he made every effort to enforce that policy and was only prevented on certain occasions by the illegal actions of partisans."

The defence counsel said that the Field Marshal never knew that any of the Italians shot in the caves near Rome had not already been sentenced to death. He had been assured that this was so. The defence argument was that the prosecution had not proved its case that the civilians shot in the caves were killed on Kesséling's orders as reprisal.

Kesséling's orders were concerned with practical war operations and not reprisals, said Dr. Laternser.—Reuter.

PRESS STRIKES

Helsinki via Stockholm, Feb. 28.

A strike of typographers was called today for midnight after negotiations with employers broke down. It will paralyse newspapers throughout Finland if it comes off.

In Copenhagen, negotiations between publishers and typographers over Union demands broke down today and a strike

decision was expected tonight. A strike would paralyse all but Social Democrat and Communist papers in Denmark.—United Press.

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Switch-On In London

London, Feb. 28.

The ban on the use of electricity for non-essential industry in London and the south-east area of England will be lifted from Monday, March 3.

Restrictions on the use of electricity by domestic and non-industrial consumers such as shops, offices, hotels and places of entertainment, will remain in force.

This switch-on will therefore coincide with the switch-on in northwestern England.

Electricity was restored in the Midlands on Feb. 24.

A statement issued from Downing Street on the restoration of electricity added: "The need for the greatest possible economy of electrical power by non-industrial and domestic users throughout the country remains as urgent as ever and all consumers are asked to co-operate in order that the needs of industry may be met."

In implementation of the Government's promise made last night, consignments of fish, fruit, tinned meat, vegetables, fats and oils are to go immediately to the rationing towns to stimulate coal output.

The first allocations of additional food will be arriving in the rationing areas next week.

In return the miners will exert every effort to reach the required target of 200,000,000 tons.—Reuter.

Frauleins Not What They Seem

Berlin, Feb. 28.

General Joseph McNarney has warned his GIs to beware of fascinating frauleins posing as agents of the American Army's Spy-Catching Counter-Intelligence Corps.

Ordering a clamp down on shapely impersonators, Gen. McNarney made it clear that the Army has hired no female spy trappers, German or otherwise.

Nevertheless, McNarney's order said, "Recently reports have been received which indicate that women of both German and non-German nationality have been wearing WAC type uniforms and have been presenting themselves as Counter-Intelligence Corps agents to the military police, constabulary, of the Military Government and other agencies."—United Press.

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